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To: Laura Denk
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cc: Bob Skwirot
CIA Team Leader

From: Michelle Combs *Michelle Combs*
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Subject: CIA-IR-19 Computer Searches

In the Review Board's Informal Request for Additional Records and Information CIA-IR-19 the Review Board asked the CIA to search for records on fourteen individuals and two entities that were not already part of the CIA's sequestered collection. In searching for records on the individuals, the CIA was asked to search the records and databases of the Office of Personnel (now the Office of Human Resource Management), the Office of Personnel Security, the Office of Medical Services, and the Office of Training. The Review Board staff examined all of the files provided in response to this request for information relevant to the assassination of President John Kennedy. The Review Board staff designated relevant records as assassination records for inclusion in the JFK Collection at the National Archives. These records included the 201 file for Gordon Novel.

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24 August 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Executive Director, ARRB

FROM:

J. Barry Harrelson
JFK Project Officer, HRP/OIM

SUBJECT :

CIA-IR-19, Request for Information on
Fourteen Individuals and Two Entities

1. This is in response to referent request for the files of a number of individuals and entities and is further to the information previously provided. The purpose of this memorandum is to document the above and to briefly summarize the information as to what files were found and reviewed.

2. A request for searches with respect to the named individuals and entities was made. Searches were conducted and responses provided. In some cases, extensive information was found; in others there appears to be no identifiable record at all. All of the materials located have been reviewed, or made available for review, by ARRB staff. The individuals are listed first in alphabetical order; the two entities follow.

3. The Individuals:

a. Anderson, Andy

- The searches found an Office of Security file on one, "Andrew Clarence Anderson," a staff employee, and that file has been made available for ARRB review. No other files on "Andy" or "Andrew Anderson" were found.

- Within the JFK collection there are numerous references to Anderson's but almost all of them are columnist Jack Anderson.

b. Brown, George Stanley --

- An official Office of Personnel File was found which reflects subjects employment history with the Agency. An "A" file which post-dates the relevant time period was also found. Subject was employed by the Agency as an analyst 1952-1962; assigned to Moscow 1960-1962.

- Subject is mentioned several times in documents within the JFK collection.

c. Brown, Verna Deane --

- No files were found on subject file. -

- Subject is mentioned within her husband's file, next above. She apparently worked as a contract employee of the State Department in Moscow during 1962.

d. Butler, Ed --

- The searches revealed that Edward Butler is referenced in volume II of a three volume Office of Security file entitled "Garrison Case." These materials are within the JFK collection. An "A" file was also found. No other files were found on subject.

- Subject is mentioned in a number of documents within the JFK collection as someone associated with the Information Council of the Americas, Inc. (INCA) a New Orleans based corporation, and the Garrison investigation.

e. Cheatham, Marie --

- The searches turned up no files on subject.

- Within the JFK collection there is a 2 November 1959 "Office Memorandum" which records several phone calls of the same date from subject (in her capacity as an employee within the Embassy in Moscow) to Oswald informing him of two telegrams from his brother.

f. Cherne, Leo (aka Leopold Chernetsky) --

- Via the searches, the official Office of Personnel Contract Personnel Folder, the Office of Security file and a 201 file were found. At one time there was an "A" file on subject but it has been incorporated into the 201.

- The JFK collection contains approximately sixty documents which mention subject; the 201 and security files are within JFK microfilm collection.

- The contract personnel file indicates an independent contractual relationship with subject in 1988-89. There is no information which would link subject to the JFK assassination or any of the subsequent investigations.

g. Garbler, Paul --

- The search found an official Office of Personnel File on subject as well as an Office of Medical Services file.

- Subject was a DO operations officer for his entire career, 1952 through 1977, and served as COS Moscow from 1961 to 1964. Garbler is mentioned several times within the collection.

h. Guebler, Howard --

- The search found no files on subject. One index card was found which may or may not be identical with subject.

i. Leake, Hunter --

- The search located the official Office of Personnel and the Office of Medical Services files on subject. No other identifiable records were found on subject.

- Subject was a contact specialist with OO/Contacts and later Domestic Contacts Staff, New Orleans, Louisiana from May 1948 to July 1968.

j. McVickar, John Anthony

- Within the JFK files there are approximately fifteen documents on the John A. McVickar who was a State Department employee. Most of these have been released in full. They were within what was originally an Office of Security subject file, not an official Office of Security file on an employee.

- No other files (201 or A file) were found which are identical to John A. McVickar, State Consular Officer, Moscow during 1959-1961. Files were found on another individual with the same first and last name but different middle initial.

k. Morton, Byron B. Jr.--

- No files were found on subject either by the searches or within the JFK collection. He is mentioned in one document as a State Department officer.

1. Murret, Marilyn Dutz --

- No files on subject were found. An index record to a media article dated 1971 from "Computers and automation," contains the statement that subject was Lee Harvey Oswald's cousin and that she possible engaged-in espionage activities in Russia and Asia.

m. Novel, Gordon Duane --

- The search located an Office of Security file and a 201 file on subject. These files were reviewed by an ARRB staff member who selected materials from them to be included within the JFK collection. Also found were references to an "A" file which had been incorporated into the 201. Further, references were found to Novel in a three volume Office of Security file on the "Garrison Case." These materials are within the JFK collection. No other files were found.

- Within the JFK collection, subject is mentioned approximately fifty times.

n. Raikin, Spas --

- The search found an Office of Security file and on subject. No other files or information on subject were found except for those within the JFK collection. No Personnel file was found. There also is a DO 201 file on subject, 201-282538. It was opened on 16 August 1960. The file is within the JFK collection.

- The Office of Security file reflects subject was granted clearance by the Office of Security on two occasions (August 1957 and January 1967) to work on an unwitting basis with the Joint Publications Research service (JPRS) in New York City. Both of these documents are in the JFK collection and were released in 1993. The ARRB status letter of 27 July 1998 states that the Raikin part of the request is complete.

4. The Entities:

a. INCA (Information Council of the Americas) --

- There are approximately thirteen references to INCA within the JFK collection

- No other files on INCA within the relevant time frame were found. There are much later trace results on an INCA which may or may not be identical with the Information Council of the Americas.

b. Permindex --

- Within the JFK collection, there are several references to Permindex which reportedly was a Swiss corporation, registered in Bern and headed by "former" Hungarian Prime Minister Nagy. The searches revealed one reference to Permindex in a FOIA case.

- No other files were found via the searches.

5. This concludes Agency action with respect to this request. If you have any questions, please advise.



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JFK Project Officer

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28 July 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: J. Barry Harrelson
DCI/CSI/HRG
Frieda Omasta
FROM: Frieda Omasta
Associate Information Review Officer, DDA
SUBJECT: Priority Request from JFK Board

1. This is in response to your 3 February 1997 memorandum (copy attached) wherein you requested, on behalf of the ARRB Staff, a comprehensive file search on the individuals listed below. Specifically, the request is for access to records of possible pertinence to the JFK assassination.

- A. Leo Cherne
- B. Hunter Leake
- C. Paul Garbler
- D. Byron B. Morton, Jr.
- E. Marie Cheatham
- F. Verna Deane Brown
- G. John A. MMcVickar

2. In response to your 3 February memorandum, the Office of Human Resource Management (HRM), the Office of Medical Services (OMS), the Office of Personnel Security (OPS), and the Office of Training (OTE) conducted thorough searches and attached are copies of their response memoranda.

3. In discussions with Jeanne of HRM, it is my understanding that you still have the files that HRM located on Cherne, Leake, Garbler, Brown and McVickar. HRM was unable to locate records on Morton and Cheatham.

4. As noted in OMS' 10 February memorandum, OMS located medical charts on Leake, Garbler and George Brown which you can review if you make arrangements with OMS as noted in OMS' memorandum. Also note that if a file exists on Verna Brown, ~~it will be included with her husband's chart.~~ OMS was unable to locate records on Cherne, Morton, Cheatham or McVickar.

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5. As noted in OPS' memorandum, OPS was only able to locate files on Cherne, Leake and Garbler. However, after a careful review, they determined that there is no information contained in the files that links the individuals to or pertains to JFK or to the JFK assassination. They also found reference in Verna Dean Brown husband's file that she was employed by the Department of State.

6. OTE was only able to locate a record on Paul Garbler. However, the record does not pertain to the JFK assassination.

7. This concludes DA action on this request. If you have questions, please feel free to call me on 31201.

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